Pentecost Worship
A Recognition and Celebration of the Ministries Of Churches Uniting In Christ

Sunday, June 4, 2017
4:00 PM

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church
14120 Noel Road
Dallas, Texas
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton
President, Churches Uniting In Christ

Processional
Program Participants and Representatives of Member Communions

Call to Worship
Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton
President, CUIC
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

Invocation
Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Congregational Hymn
“Christ, The Church You Gave is Broken”

Litany of Confession
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
United Church of Christ

Old Testament Reading
Rev. Hermann Weinlick
The Moravian Church, Northern Province
Psalm 133

Gospel Reading
Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
The Episcopal Church
John 17: 20-23

Epistle Reading
Bishop Mary Ann Swenson
The United Methodist Church
Romans 12: 1-8

Welcome and Acknowledgements
Mr. Abraham Wright
Vice President, CUIC
International Council of Community Churches

Music
Ecumenical Choir

Sermon: “Where We Have Been: The Church United and Divided”
Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Music
Ecumenical Choir

Sermon: “When You Do This, Remember Me”
Rev. Dr. Keith Watkins
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Litany of Recognition & Challenge
Bishop Eugene Sutton, The Episcopal Church
Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton, CME Church

Music
Ecumenical Choir

Sermon: “Celebration and Challenge”
Rev. Dr. Jennifer S. Leath
African Methodist Episcopal Church

Offering for The Bridge, North Texas (Homeless Recovery Center)
Rev. Dr. Jean Hauxhurst
CUIC Coordinating Council
The United Methodist Church

Blessing of the Offering
Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson
Treasurer, CUIC
United Church of Christ

Eucharist
Chief Celebrant:
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister & President, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Co-Celebrants:
Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, 13th Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church
Bishop Staccato Powell, Western Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Bishop Ronald Cunningham, Ecumenical Officer Emeritus, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church
Rev. Don H. Ashmall, Council Minister, International Council of Community Churches
Rev. Hermann Weinlick, Ecumenical Officer, The Moravian Church, Northern Province
Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ
Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Ecumenical Officer Emeritus, The United Methodist Church
Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Invitation and Confession: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access: We do not presume to come to this Holy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so as to eat the flesh of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that we may live and grow thereby, and that, being washed through His most precious blood, we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Your tender mercy did give Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death on the cross for our redemption; who made thereby His oblation of Himself once offered, a full perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy gospel, command us to continue a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we humbly beseech You, and grant that we receiving these creatures of bread and wine, according to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may be partakers of His most blessed body and blood Who in the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it, gave it to His disciples saying, “Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” Likewise after Supper, He took the cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying “Drink all of this! For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you, and for many for the remission of sins; do this as oft as you drink it in remembrance of me.” Amen.

Sursum Corda and Sanctus with Preface: It is very meet and right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You; O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to You, O Lord most high. Amen.
THE SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give thanks that You have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“You’ve Called Us Together”

Benediction and Blessing of Food

Rev. Dr. Vanessee Burns, Pastor
Temple of Faith Christian Chapel, CME

Reception In the Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Christian Chapel Temple of Faith CME Church
Rev. Dr. Vanessee Burns, Pastor
Mr. Terrance Jennings, Music Director
Staff and Media Ministry
Culinary and Hospitality Ministry
Transportation Ministry

Saturday, June 3rd Forum Participants
Local CUIC Judicatory Leaders, Congregations and Pastors
Seminary and College Representatives
CHRIST, THE CHURCH YOU GAVE IS BROKEN

A Hymn for the January 20, 2002 Inaugural Celebration of Churches Uniting In Christ
Tune-Cwm Rhondda (God of Grace and God of Glory/Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)

Christ, the church you gave is broken,
Mend it now through us, we pray;
That the message it has spoken
May be heard through us today.
Make us one now, make us one now,
In this troubled, frightened hour,
In this troubled, frightened hour.

We are hands and feet of Jesus,
His new Body now are we;
Ears and eyes to do his bidding
That our world at peace might be.
Make us one now, make us one now,
For God’s witness in our time,
For God’s witness in our time.

Holy Spirit, come and bless us,
Give a vision for our day;
Give a vision large and mighty
To your people now, we pray.
Make us one now, make us one now;
Spirit, come and make us whole,
Spirit, come and make us whole.

Christ, the church you gave is broken,
Mend it now through us, we pray;
That the message it has spoken
May be heard and lived always.
Make us one now, make us one now,
For the glory of your Name,
For the glory of your Name.

William Boyd Grove
based on John 17:20-21; I Corinthians 12:27, copyright pending
LITANY OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Awesome Creator, Gentle Redeemer, Spiritual Comforter, We rejoice that we can call your name today and worship freely in this place. We confess that we have failed you in so many ways, through sins of commission and sins of omission. We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength. And we confess all that we have done to deny the unity of the body of Christ.

From mistrust in the guidance of your Holy Spirit and faintness of heart in trusting you.
   Deliver us, O God.

From failure to cherish the gifts of one another and for resisting learning new ways.
   Deliver us, O God.

From the arrogance of believing we can know your Truth apart from each other.
   Deliver us, O God.

From the desire to make our own beliefs primary and dismissing each other’s practices as unworthy.
   Deliver us, O God.

From absorption in our institutional affairs.
   Deliver us, O God.

From division and schism.
   Deliver us, O God.

From hardness of heart toward our neighbor and blindness toward our neighbor’s need.
   Deliver us, O God.

From indifference and apathy.
   Deliver us, O God.

From causing unnecessary pain and confusion between sisters and brothers in Christ.
   Deliver us, O God.

We rejoice that even in the midst of our unfaithfulness, you have remained faithful. We humbly ask for forgiveness that we do not deserve and for grace that we cannot earn. Grant us a new beginning to make your kingdom more visible here on earth as it is in heaven. Give us courage and wisdom. Strengthen our will, our faith, our hope, and our love to be the church that you desire. AMEN.
LITANY OF RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES

God of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
God of all our fathers and mothers in faith, known and unknown,
Hear our prayers for the mutual recognition and celebration of the ministries
Of your one, holy and undivided Body, the Church.

Turn our hearts and minds, and guide us by your Spirit.
   Hear us, O God.

Turn our hearts and minds, and grant us courage to encounter new paths and humility in
seeking your Truth.
   Hear us, O God.

Turn our hearts and minds, and send us into the world to proclaim your love and make us
mindful of the needs of others.
   Hear us, O God.

Turn hearts and minds, and lead us into new possibilities, reawakening in us your call to unity
in your Son.
   Hear us, O God.

Turn our hearts and minds, and create in us makers of peace.
   Hear us, O God.

Turn our heart and minds, and send us into the world as witnesses to your grace, mercy and
justice.
   Hear us, O God.

   At this time, the heads of each of the churches gather to pray in unison the following petitions:

We thank you, most loving God, for calling us as Churches Uniting in Christ to reveal the unity
of the Spirit in common prayer and mission.
   Blessed are you, O God.

We thank you, most loving God, that you have led us to celebrate the mutual recognition of the
ordained ministries of our Churches as instruments of your grace.
   Blessed are you, O God.

We thank you, most loving God, that the ministry of all the baptized is rooted in our common
call to follow Christ.
   Blessed are you, O God.
We thank you, most loving God, for the distinctive Christian witness of our member Churches and partners in mission and dialogue.

   Blessed are you, O God.

For the gift of The African Methodist Episcopal Church, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

   Blessed are you, O God.

For the gift of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

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For the gift of The International Council of Community Churches, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

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For the gift of The United Church of Christ, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

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For the gift of The United Methodist Church, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

   Blessed are you, O God.
For the gift of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and their witness to the world as bearers of the Gospel.

Blessed are you, O God.

Accept our prayers and thanksgivings, most gracious God, for leading us in this movement to be one in the Spirit and in mission. Inspire us to live more fully into the recognition and celebration of our diverse ministries. Grant us inquiring hearts and minds to seek your Truth as brothers and sisters in Christ. Deliver us from pride, hypocrisy, divisions, and all forms of oppression. Open our ears and hands to respond to the needs of neighbors near and far, and continually guide us into doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly before you all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOU’VE CALLED US TOGETHER
A Hymn for the January 20, 2002 Inaugural Celebration of Churches Uniting In Christ
Tune: William Howard Doane, 1875.

You’ve called us together, O God, by your grace;  
In grateful obedience, we’ve come to this place. 
Our new common mission has only begun;  
We’re learning the blessings of serving as one. 

Refrain:  
We are called! We are freed! We are baptized as one.  
In the Church, all we need, Can be found in your Son!  
With Christ to unite us, and born from above,  
We witness together to your wondrous love.

We’re one in the faith, and in creeds that we share,  
In worship and sacraments, scripture and prayer.  
We’re one in our seeking to follow Christ’s way,  
In Spirit-led ministry, day after day.

Refrain:  
There’s much to rejoice in, yet much to be done;  
While some are excluded, we can’t live as one.  
May we as your churches uniting now see  
That justice is needed for true unity.

Refrain:  

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OUR PREACHERS

The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the largest Reformed denomination in the United States. He was elected at the 222nd General Assembly (2016) in Portland, Oregon. The son, grandson, and nephew of Presbyterian pastors, Nelson is the first African American to lead the denomination, which has a 300-year history in the U.S. As Stated Clerk his duties include interpreting assembly actions, representing the church on various denominational and ecumenical councils, witnessing on behalf of the church to social justice issues, and making statements as directed by an assembly. Prior to becoming Stated Clerk, Nelson served as director of the PC(USA)’s Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. His service to the denomination also includes calls as pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, and organizing pastor of Liberation Community Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Nelson holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; a Master of Divinity degree from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Urban Studies from Johnson C. Smith University.

The Reverend Dr. Keith Watkins taught worship and parish ministry at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis for thirty-three years. He represented the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on the commission on worship of the Consultation on Church Union beginning in 1968. He was principle writer of the liturgies used in 2002 when COCU completed its work and entrusted its vision to Churches Uniting in Christ. His book The American Church that Might Have Been, which was published in 2014, is the definitive history of the Consultation on Church Union. He lives in Indianapolis where he devotes his time to American religious history and open road bicycling.

The Reverend Dr. Jennifer S. Leath joined the faculty at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado in 2015 as assistant professor of religion and social justice. Dr. Leath is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where she has served as pastor in White Plains, New York and in Media, Pennsylvania, and she has served as an associate pastor at churches in Philadelphia, New York, and New England. She has been a research associate and visiting lecturer at Harvard Divinity School’s Women’s Studies in Religion Program. She also helped to establish the Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics & Social Justice at Columbia University. Leath’s research concentrates on the intersection of sexualities and religions in sacred communities and spaces of African Diaspora. Her scholarship also engages the intersection of Afro-Diasporic women’s spiritualities and social activism. Bridging concerns of religious ethics and African American studies, much of her current writing and teaching focuses on the sexual ethics and economies of historically Black churches and Afro-Diasporic religion in the United States. In addition to her research, she is an active member of various academic communities, including the Society for the Study of Black Religion, the American Academy of the Religion, and the Society for Christian Ethics.
Churches Uniting In Christ

After forty years of study and prayer through the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), the member churches agreed to stop "consulting" and start living their unity in Christ more fully. On January 20, 2002, these churches inaugurated a new relationship to be known as Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC).

Each communion retains its own identity and decision-making structures, but they also have pledged before God to draw closer in sacred things -- including regular sharing of the Lord’s Supper and common mission, especially a mission to combat racism together. Each church also committed itself to undertake an intensive dialogue toward the day when ministers are authorized to serve and lead worship, when invited, in each of the comunions.

Churches Uniting in Christ is an officially recognized invitation to live with one another differently. Christians in the pews know that we belong together because we all belong to the same Lord. CUIC is a framework for showing to the world what we truly are -- the one Body of Jesus Christ.

What You Can Do

- Worship with local congregations of CUIC member churches in your community.
- Celebrate Eucharist/Communion together.
- Educate your congregation on the history of the CUIC member denominations
- Host forums on Christian unity
- Host forums and engage in advocacy to combat racism.
- Engage in pulpit exchanges.
- Attend the ordinations of the member denominations.
- Collaborate and sponsor ministries together that serve the community.
- Link your church’s website to [www.ChurchesUnitingInChrist.org](http://www.ChurchesUnitingInChrist.org)
Marks of Commitment

See full text at www.churchesunitinginchrist.org

Entering into Churches Uniting In Christ means that the participating churches will express their relationship with one another through the following visible marks:

1. Mutual recognition of each other as authentic expressions of the one church of Jesus Christ. Specifically, this means that the participating churches will publicly recognize the following in one another:

2. Mutual recognition of members in one Baptism. This also implies recognition of the ministry all believers share in the common priesthood and from which God calls those members who will be ordained.

3. Mutual recognition that each affirms the apostolic faith of Scripture and Tradition expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and that each seeks to give witness to the apostolic faith in its life and mission.

4. Provision for celebration of the Eucharist together with intentional regularity. This recognizes that the sacrament is at the heart of the church’s life. Shared celebration of the Lord’s Supper is a sign of unity in Christ.

5. Engagement together in Christ’s mission on a regular and intentional basis, especially a shared mission to combat racism. The church engages in Christ’s mission through worship, proclamation of the gospel, evangelism, education and action that embodies God’s justice, peace and love.

6. Intentional commitment to promote unity with wholeness and to oppose all marginalization and exclusion in church and society based on such things as race, age, gender, forms of disability, sexual orientation and class.

7. Appropriate structures of accountability and appropriate means for consultation and decision-making.

8. An ongoing process of theological dialogue.
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